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Open Space and Recreation Advisory Comm 2022 FEB 15 PM 2:07
Police Station Community Room
December 1, 2021 @ 6:30

In Attendance:

Amanda Barlow- Vice-Chairperson
Brian Miller
Carlos Lopes
Jeffrey Amaral- Committee Chairperson
Lynn Furtado- Committee Clerk

Call to Order:

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory committee meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Amanda Barlow and seconded by Carlos.

Approval of Minutes:

The last meeting was on October 27th due to the storm, and the previous meeting was in September. We are going to meet on the first Wednesday of every month. The meeting minutes are approved from the September 29th meeting, Amanda makes a motion to accept the minutes, and Carlos second them.

Review of sections of the Open Space Plan:

No one sent Lynn any updates on the open space plan. Carlos explained that they looked through the plans and made a lot of changes to section 7, but it was a lot of changes (mostly updated facts about the ball fields) and he didn't think it was fair to bombard Lynn with all of the changes. He made the changes in a word document so that he could track the changes.

Open Discussion on sub-teams

The committee discussed how to move forward, possibly to create sub-committees and give them one section of the Open Space. This is so the committee does not have to sit down all together and go through each document with a fine-tooth comb. At the next committee meeting. Sections 2- Introductions, Sections 6-Community goals, Sections 7- Analysis of needs, and Sections 3- Community Goals. For the next committee meeting, each subcommittee will do two things, 1. Updated what is highlighted 2. Add any questions they have for Bill from SRPEDD.

The Sections will be divided as followed:

Section 2- Lynn
Section 6- Amanda and Brian Miller
Section 7- Carlos (and maybe Ellen)
Section 3- Bill (SRPEDD)

Comments/ announcements

It was also discussed how we want to step up our committee, get our name out there and start building relationships with other committees. Carlos stepped up about being the lead on our event committee. All of the committee members are excited about this part of our committee.

Action items- Jeff will reach out to Bill and ask him to be part of section 3, and ask him some questions regarding what the highlighted sections mean.

Closing statements:

Amanda- stated doing both volunteering and working with the town is equally as important as creating the plan. Two folds.

Carlos- We have to get the leg work done and create the open space plan. We want to get out plan in by the springtime so that we can make it to the next quarter.

Brian- Likes the direction we are going in.

Motion to adjourn:

Jeff asked for the motion to be made at 7:30 pm, Amanda made the motion and it was second by Carlos.

Minutes were recorded by Committee Clerk- Lynn Furtado

List of documents/ exhibits used by OSRAC during this meeting:

- Agenda
- Town of Freetown Open Space Plan: created by SRPEDD.